Increase in electricity charges in Delhi

1889. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission has increased 10 per cent electricity charges for domestic consumers and also agriculture sector;

(b) whether power hike in Delhi is affecting the middle class consumers very severely; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the tariff for middle class and poorest sections in Delhites?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission in its tariff order for the year 2005-06 has increased the average tariff for consumers in Delhi by about 6.6%. There is no increase in rates for J.J. cluster who are charged at flat rate basis. The percentage increase in tariff per unit of electricity for each of the consumer category is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Under Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the State Government may grant subsidy to any class of consumers if it so desires in the tariff determined by the Commission.

Statement

Sector-wise details of increase in electricity charges in Delhi by DERC

Table showing increase in tariff for each sector:

Category	(Units/per month)	% increase	Remarks
1	2	3	4
Domestic	0 to 200 units	9.09	Over all around 10%
	200 to 400 units	11.8	
	Above 400 units	12.20	
	Others (SPD)	10.93	
Non-domestic	Less than 100 kw	4.9	
	More than 100 kw	3.6	
Industrial	Less than 100 kw	5.2	
	More than 100 kw	3.7	

1	2	3	4
Agricultural	—	19.8	
Railway Traction	—	-	No change
DMRC	—	8.6	
AVERAGE	—	6.6	

Above mentioned increase does not take into account the increase in fixed charges which are as follows:

Category		Existing	Revised
Domestic		Rs.10 per kw/month	Rs.12 per kw/month
Non-domestic	Less than 100 kw	35 per kva/month	50 per kva/month
	More than 100 kw	150/200 per kva/month	No change
Industrial	Less than 100 kw	35/per kva/month	50 per kva/month
	More than 100 kw	150/200 per kw/month	No change
Agricultural		Rs.10 per kw/month	Rs.12 per kw/month
Railway Traction		150 per kva/month	No change
DMRC	—	Nil	75 per kva/month

Allocation to Bihar for pure drinking water programme

†1860.SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Bihar during the current financial year for rural pure drinking water programme;

(b) the names of the districts in which this programme is being implemented;

(c) whether any Committee has been constituted for the success of this programme; and

(d) if so, the composition thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) The amount allocated to Government of Bihar during the current financial year under the normal Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is Rs. 15324.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.